

2.4 Community Cluster 4—Southeast



Question 1: What do you consider to be the most significant factor(s) that make the City of Long Beach a desirable place to live, work, and play? List a maximum of four factors.

Land Use/Location

- Low Density*
- University*
- Location between Los Angeles and Orange County Metro Area*
- Location of the Port of Long Beach



Residential/Housing

- Unique neighborhoods*
- Affordability in comparison to other Southern California coastal communities*
- Housing*

Commerce/Employment

- Vibrant commercial districts*
- Economic revitalization*
- Shopping*
- Lots of shops and restaurants
- Diversity of businesses
- Employment

Transportation

- Mobility*
- Easy transportation to get around

* More than one respondent had the same response.



Parks/Recreation

- Variety of entertainment/recreation things to do*
- Parks (green spaces)*

Environment

- Weather/climate*
- Beach/Coast/Ocean*

Character/Culture

- Diversity*
- Small town atmosphere in urban setting/community feel*
- Varied architecture
- Historical housing*
- Residents who care
- Arts/entertainment

Public Services

- City own health department/police department/etc*
- Schools*
- Safety

Miscellaneous

- Some forward thinking leaders
- Quality of life*

Question 2: What do you consider to be the most significant factor(s) that make your neighborhood (or larger Community Cluster) a desirable place to live, work, or do business? List a maximum of four factors.

Land Use/Location

- Belmont Shore*
- Low-density development*
- Adjacent to golf course
- Location*
- Self-contained

Residential/Housing

- More upscale neighborhoods
- Neighborhood
- Residents who care/well-maintained property*
- Low cost
- Lawns

Commerce/Employment

- 2nd Street business/recreational corridor*
- Commercial areas close*
- Lots of shops*
- Shopping and restaurants
- Diverse small business

Parks/Recreation

- Open space/greenbelt/parks*
- Colorado Lagoon
- Recreation
- Wildlife*
- Trees/landscaping
- Access to ocean related activities

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Transportation

- Available parking space
- Low traffic
- Transportation access*
- Wide streets

Environment

- Close to ocean/beach*
- Weather*
- Geology/solid ground—Belmont Heights

Character/Culture

- Neighborliness/gives the small town atmosphere*
- Historical/attractive housing stock*
- Diversity*

Public Services

- Less or no graffiti
- Excellent schools*
- Safety*

Miscellaneous

- Quality of life
- Variety of services
- Civic activism

Question 3: What do you consider to be the most significant issues or problems that threaten the qualities that make your neighborhood (or Community Cluster) a desirable place to live or work (if any)?

Land Use/Location

- Density increasing*
- Both water and air quality. Refineries and port make the air and water very susceptible to pollution.
- Lack of landscape along the street*
- Oil wells
- Zoning codes
- Lack of employment or over-development

Residential/Housing

- Lack of design guidelines on new housing construction
- Housing prices are becoming unaffordable
- Mansionization

Commerce/Employment

- Lack of economic development plan for commercial district*
- Lack of support for independent small non-chain operated business
- Surrounding commercial areas (example 2nd Street)
- Declining services (commercial)
- Intensification of restaurants, bars on 2nd Street—alcohol issues, lack of parking

Parks/Recreation

- Lack of green spaces
- Lack of use of open space by residents
- Loss of green space, water use

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Community Cluster Input

Transportation

- Lack of funds to keep up infrastructure with sidewalks, roads, etc.*
- Traffic increasing*
- Lack of parking*
- Noise*
- 710 freeway traffic
- Lack of traffic signal at PCH and golf course
- Traffic sirens and accidents
- Growth in airport area

Environment

- Retention of the breakwater*
- Trash on the beach
- Under utilization of beaches
- Lack of orientation toward coast ocean
- Development squeezing out wildlife
- Air pollution and decreasing amount of open space, etc.*

Character/Culture

- Poor attitudes of many landlords, business owners and homeowners
- Yuppies

Public Services

- Public Safety*
- Homelessness
- Graffiti
- New development and construction without additional schools, parks and public safety

Miscellaneous

- Lack of leadership

Question 4: Are there any places in your Community Cluster that you visit on a regular basis to interact with your neighbors and consider to function as your “downtown”—or, a central point for community activities and events, socialization, entertainment, and other activities? If so, what are these locations and what makes them function in this role? Do they foster pedestrian activity?

Land Use/Location

- CSULB

Commerce/Employment

- Belmont Shore*
- 2nd Street*
- Naples*
- Marketplace
- Los Alto shopping area*
- Commercial district

- Restaurants on 4th and 3rd Streets
- Grocery stores 6th Street and Redondo, Anaheim and Redondo
- Local strip malls
- Frenchie’s Restaurant
- The Colonnade
- Coffee shop*
- Ma ‘n’ Pa market
- Health club
- Marina Pacifica*

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Parks/Recreation

- Roller rink
- Basketball courts
- Golf course*
- Belmont Pool area
- Dog Park
- Colorado Lagoon*
- Alamitos Bay
- Recreation center
- Lawn Bowling Club
- Yacht Club
- El Dorado Park/Nature Center
- Parks—recreation center
- Mini Park/baseball diamond
- Long Beach Playhouse

Transportation

- Bike
- Train
- Broadway-Redondo*
- Street (Roswell)

Environment

- Ocean front
- Beach*
- Conservation corp. for Councilman Field's Office Dunster Marine Biology Reserve*

Public Services

- Libraries*
- Schools*
- Museum

Miscellaneous

- Few locations to congregate for community
- Pyramid

Question 5: What important land uses are missing in your neighborhood or Community Cluster that you believe should be encouraged to develop there in the future? (businesses, employment, parks, community facilities, etc.).

Land Use/Location

- Less density housing

Commerce/Employment

- No commercial building currently along Ocean. Use of parts of the islands in the Harbor for commercial use.
- Restaurants or bars or coffee shops accessible by Aqualink
- More emphasis on Historic Preservation Development Zones in Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore
- Stores
- Neighborhood commercial/retail services

- Ambivalent Nimby's and negative attitude by many
- Business beautifying

Park/Recreation

- More, small park areas, as opposed to large parks, greenbelts, etc.*
- Green spaces, open space/parks*
- Wetland open space (wildlife)
- Portions of Marina*
- Colorado Lagoon
- Child-friendly venues
- Trees*

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Community Cluster Input

- Places for events by the bay, such as evening jazz, casual events
- Water percolating areas
- Community activities

Transportation

- Dedicated bicycle paths*
- Walk-friendly sidewalks and corridors (encourage walking and not driving)*
- Slow down traffic
- Improve parking with imaginative ideas

Public Services

- It is very well balanced, but could use additional local school facilities (elementary)*
- Public safety official not enforcing laws/codes

Miscellaneous

- Nothing, well rounded place
- Improved traffic at 7th Street and Redondo

Question 6: Are there any uses or areas that should be redeveloped or significantly improved over time? If so, what are the key problems with these areas or uses?

Land Use/Location

- Mixed retail/office/residential along major streets—but not high rise
- Creation of historic preservation overlay zones
- Improves seaport Marina Hotel
- Lower the density
- Maintain undeveloped areas so traffic doesn't get worse

Residential/Housing

- A lot of the 75-year-old residential buildings need to be updated, not as far as appearance but functionality, such as parking on site, electrical, plumbing, etc.
- Attract younger families and couples to the area
- Reduce low-density housing
- Keep remodeling to not allow big box houses
- Make absentee landlords accountable
- Increase single-family residence ratio

- Good taste in housing, decorations
- More respect for residential uses and needs of residents

Commerce/Employment

- Nurture small business and cap number of “big box” or chains that enter the cluster.
- Neighborhood bars
- More community-based retail/commercial
- Facade improvements for businesses*
- Maintain character of Belmont Shore—codes specific to Belmont Shore
- Reduce fast food restaurants*
- Reduce any “low class” business
- More shopping in walkable area for practical things like food
- Fewer bars, restaurants

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Parks/Recreation

- Parks
- More green ways/trees*
- More accessible open space*
- More community events

Transportation

- Correct the I-22 westbound feeder
- General improvement in the roads, more landscaping done in public right of ways*
- Improved lighting along 2nd Street.
- Establishment of strict parking requirements for 2nd Street
- Re-routing traffic away from residential neighborhoods (non-arterial)
- Sound walls along 7th Street
- Improve parking*
- Improve traffic problem
- Median and corridor improvements between Willow and PCH to match Lakewood north of Willow
- Corridor improvements
- 2nd Street should not be a thoroughfare, but traffic should be constricted to better develop the small-town feel
- Upgrade sidewalks/pathways

Environment

- Remove part of the break water and restore the beach to a thriving waterfront
- More wetland restoration
- Monitor pollution from power plant

Character/Culture

- Preserve historical homes (1920's CA Bungalows or craftsman style homes)
- Keep the architecture in the houses
- Enforce building codes to enhance character of homes

Public Services

- Improved school grounds

Miscellaneous

- Can't think of anything.
- Improved quality
- Get rid of/cover oil wells
- City involvement (repair, response)
- Keep mostly as is

Question 7: Are there any locations in the Community Cluster where you regularly experience traffic congestion? List specific segments, intersections, or interchanges. Describe the nature of these problems (use single words, or short phrases).

- 7th Street (Redondo to Bellflower) needs to be widened or improved*
- 2nd Street*
- 7th Street from Ximeno to I-22
- I-22 feeder onto 7th Street*
- Stoplight at PCH and 2nd Street/Westminster is too long
- The streetlights are not timed for a good flow of traffic at rush hour along Ocean Blvd. as they are along Broadway
- Incorrect use of the traffic circle, e.g., stopping, not yielding.*
- 7th Street*
- At Redondo—left turn needed
- 4th Street

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Community Cluster Input

- All major streets
- Intersections be improved for better traffic flow. Additional turn lanes or restrict turning at certain hours.
- Broadway Corridor*
- Intersection of PCH and 2nd Street*
- Pacific Coast Highway*
- 8th Street—speeding motorists. Needs to be blocked at end
- 7th Street from I-405 to PCH Westbound always slow
- Park Avenue and Colorado
- Park Avenue
- Marina Drive near Alamitos Bay Landing—need to widen street
- Downtown—Pine and Broadway
- Parking access to city hall
- On 1200 block of Bennett, speeding blocks cars in
- Anaheim and Ximeno (speeding through intersection causing serious injuries approx. 1-2 month)
- Westminster and PCH
- Westminster and Studebaker where Studebaker goes into shopping center
- 7th Street and Termino
- 7th Street near Alamitos
- Lakewood and Stearns
- Diagonal and Clark
- PCH and Clark
- Redondo Ave. and 10th Street
- PCH and Anaheim
- Entire Belmont Shore and Belmont Heights
- El Dorado
- 3rd Street
- Ximeno
- Ocean
- Livingston
- Running lights is rampant
- Speeding is epidemic
- PCH and Bellflower
- Bellflower near Los Altos Center
- 7th Street and PCH*
- Cherry and PCH

Question 8: Are there locations where you have difficulty finding parking when trying to visit a business or residence in your Community Cluster?

- All of Belmont Shore*
- 2nd Street business and residential area from Euclid to Roycroft and Ocean to Broadway, as well as residential areas north and south of 2nd Street.*
- Broadway
- Before strike—grocery at 7th Street and Redondo
- Broadway between Redondo—Euclid
- 4th Street and Termino—Sunday church services
- Town Center—Carson and I-605, poor parking and traffic design, always congested during weekends and nights. Hard to navigate against pedestrians.
- Wild Oats Center on PCH
- Naples*
- Lack of parking behind Hoffs Hut on Bellflower
- Parking lot at Polly Pies
- All over: sometimes on Anaheim, usually on Ximeno.
- Circle center is good
- 4th Street and Ximeno
- Alamitos Bay
- Anaheim corridor PCH to Pine

* More than one respondent had the same response.

- Parking slots small at Los Altos shopping center
- Argonne and Stearns has no parking for residents and school
- Lack of parking Stearns Park
- Entire length of E. 2nd Street*
- Broadway near Redondo
- Trader Joe's at Market Place

Question 9: Are there residential or commercial streets in your Community Cluster where you feel the traffic volume or speed is too high? Are these local residential streets that are used as short cuts for through traffic? Do you know what causes cut through traffic on these streets (for example—are the drivers trying to avoid congestion at a particular location or a difficult turn at an intersection)?

- Livingston to Broadway to Bayshore to avoid 2nd Street (cut-through)*
- Out circle to avoid traffic circle (cut-through)*
- Speed down many residential streets in Belmont Shore, e.g., near 1st Street and Division
- People cut through all streets
- Fast traffic along Ocean Blvd.*
- Fast traffic at times on all residential streets
- Broadway from the I-710 to its end near the marina is terrible. Cars parked on side of road create hazard if door opens or someone steps between them.
- Speed/cut thru Park Ave
- Speed/cut thru 7th Street*
- Speed/cut thru 2nd Street*
- Broadway Corridor (speed)*
- Loynes Drive
- Bellflower Blvd.
- Marina Drive—need sidewalks
- 7th Street between Bellflower and Park
- 8th Street between the Recreation Park and PCH
- Sorrento Drive—2nd Street to Appian Way
- 1100-1200 Bennett
- PCH—to Ximeno South
- Anaheim—speed up to 70 mph
- Termino between 7th Street and Anaheim—too fast*
- 10th Street—alternate to 7th Street
- Ximeno south from 7th Street
- 23rd Street
- Lakewood
- Park Ave.*
- 3rd Street
- Ximeno*
- Colorado
- Livingston
- 4th Street
- Ximeno Street from Ocean Blvd. north

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Question 10: Are there streets where you think the walking conditions should be improved? Are there streets or street segments with no sidewalks or sidewalks that are seriously broken or cracked? What types of improvements would you suggest (e.g., better lighting, wider sidewalks, better/safer crosswalks)?

- 7th Street
- 4th Street Redondo to Park
- Livingston, Ocean and 2nd Street intersection.
- Put traffic lights at every intersection on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore*
- No sidewalk at all along Division
- On all sidewalks especially on Grand below 4th Street
- Greenbelt (trail construction)
- Residential streets in Belmont Heights*
- Lots of damaged sidewalks need replacement
- Widen Broadway shop sidewalks and narrow street to two lanes with angle parking
- No sidewalks on Colorado and Eliot/Argonne
- No sidewalks on cross streets
- PCH from Bellflower to Ximeno
- Alamitos Heights sidewalks
- Rosewell Ave—1200 south
- Loma below Anaheim
- Ximeno across from Wilson High
- PCH around Marina Pacifica
- All corridors in 4th Street should be walk-friendly see Cerritos corridors at Hample
- Redondo, Stearns, Lakewood, Hill area—need sidewalks
- Bayshore south of 2nd Street misses a huge opportunity to walk around the bay, as it is north of 2nd Street
- Sidewalks are too narrow on 2nd Street
- Street signs and light poles often located within narrow sidewalks, making it difficult to get by
- Tables on sidewalk on Park south of 2nd Street can't get by, Laverne can't get by
- Walkway from above 10th Street to Colorado Lagoon could be implemented

Question 11: Do you regularly use public transit? (In the discussion, please ask for a show of hands). What would encourage you to use transit more regularly (list a maximum of two factors)? Are there any destinations that you would like to be able to reach by public transit that you cannot now reach by transit? Is the transit service adequate in your neighborhood or Community Cluster?

- No*
- Yes*
- Transit is good.
- Passport bus is great
- Water taxis should run more in winter.
- In comparison with the public transportation in Orange County, LBPT is far superior.
- Buses run nearly all night, go almost everywhere, and do it everyday.

* More than one respondent had the same response.

- The bus system is very attractive, efficient, and accessible.
- Education on times and schedules, probably more buses*
- Public transit is adequate.
- Needs to be more punctual
- Have satellite links with buses to tell next time, etc
- Don't use it. But would like to.
- Not convenient
- Use bus during Grand Prix and to Cal State (have two cars; would not be convenient now)
- If it were faster and time competitive with driving
- Smaller and more frequent shuttle type services*
- More "bike-friendly" buses
- Safer bus stops
- 24-hour transit on weekdays and weekends
- Light rail would be good investment—Carson, Cherry, PCH and Clark
- Safer, cleaner Blue Line
- Free Shuttle connecting Belmont Shore and Downtown and other high demand areas
- Passport buses should be smoother riding—mechanically rough
- An east–west railway would be helpful for traveling to work in OC
- Better access to taxis

Exhibit 2.4-1, 2.4-2, and 2.4-3 show the collective input from the Community Cluster Committee as to the location of the assets, problems/Issues and areas of future development.

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LONG BEACH GENERAL PLAN UPDATE CLUSTER 4: SOUTHEAST

SOURCE: City of Long Beach

EXHIBIT 2.4-1

Problems/Issues



**LONG BEACH GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
CLUSTER 4: SOUTHEAST**

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EXHIBIT 2.4-2

Assets



Areas for Future Development